

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16, 19-34 and 37-41 are pending in the present application. New claims 37-41 are added by the present supplemental amendment. Claims 1-16, 19-34 and 37-41 are pending and under consideration.

I. Arguments Incorporated By Reference

The arguments presented in the Rule 116 Amendment filed May 20, 2004, are hereby incorporated by reference and are respectfully resubmitted, in light of the following further arguments. The amendments to the specification and claims as presented in that Rule 116 Amendment have been considered and entered by the Examiner pursuant to the Advisory Action.

II. New Independent Claim

New claim 38 is directed to an information processing apparatus having "a storage unit which stores a plurality of types of data, the types of data correlated with at least one of the driving units in a power saving mode table stored by the storage unit." A processor "detects one of the types of data correlated with the one of the driving units," and at least one power control unit "controls the one of the driving units according to the detected one of the types of data read from the power saving mode table," support for which is found in the originally filed specification at least at page 18, line 21 to page 19, line 16.

In contrast, Hernandez at col. 3, lines 40-43 only discusses that device drivers 15 register a call-back entry point with an event manager 13 for receiving power events from the event manager. In Hernandez, the device drivers 15 are separate for each device, which is different from a storage unit which stores a plurality of types of data, in which the types of data or correlated with driving units in a power saving mode table are stored by the storage unit, as recited in new claim 38. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted new claim 38 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Hernandez.

III. New Dependent Claims

New claim 37 depends on claim 19, and recites "a storage unit which stores the data to be processed and application software distinct from the data to be processed," in which "the information processing apparatus reads the application software and the data to be processed substantially simultaneously, and executes the application software while driving the driving units," support for which is found in the originally filed specification at least at page 19, lines 20-25. New claim 41 includes similar features, but is written to depend from claim 38.

In contrast, Hernandez only discusses a computer system having a device driver for each device, but does not discuss or suggest a storage unit storing application software and a power saving mode table. Further, Hernandez only discusses device drivers which are read into the computer system when the computer system is booted, but does not discuss or suggest reading the application software and the power saving mode table substantially simultaneously and executing the application software while controlling the drive units, as recited in new claims 37 and 41.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted dependent claims 37 and 41 even further patentably distinguish over Hernandez.

Further, new claim 39 includes features of a registration unit, which is supported in the originally filed specification at least at page 18, lines 21-34, and new claim 40 recites "the power saving mode table includes at least one of a name of the driving unit and an identification number of the driving unit," support for which is found in the originally filed specification at least at page 19, lines 33-36. It is respectfully submitted Hernandez does discuss or suggest these features.

IV. Conclusion

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, it is earnestly solicited this application pass to issue.

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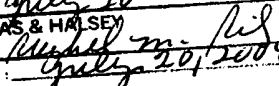
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